

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON HEALTH**

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2016

401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850

Members Present: Mitchell Berger, Ilana Cohen, Maya Das, Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, Graciela Jaschek, Alan Kaplan, Pierre Marie Longkeng, Rose Marie Martinez, Linda McMillan, Susan Milstein, Sheela Modin, Daniel Russ, Tonya Saffer, Fabienne Santel, Ulder Tillman, and Bridget Ware

Members Absent: Ron Bialek, Brenda Brooks, Marla Caplon, Stacey Burton Dey Foy, Michelle Hawkins, and Wayne Swann

Staff Present: Helen Lettlow, Ellen Segal

**1.0 Call to Order and Welcome**

- Chair Daniel Russ called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

**2.0 COH Minutes and Next Meetings**

- **Approval of Minutes** – There was a motion to approve the April 2016 minutes made by Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian and seconded by Susan Milstein. The minutes were approved unanimously by voiced consent.
- **Next Meetings** – The next COH meetings will be Thursday, June 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, 1st Floor, Conference Room 1A.

**3.0 County Council Report – Linda McMillan**

- County Council completed action on the budget. The DHHS FY17 budget is \$291.3 million which is an increase of 0.8% from the FY16 approved budget.
- Montgomery Cares Primary and Behavioral Health services had its reconciliation items approved. The reconciliation list added \$230K for Dental Services over and above the FY16 base.
- Increased funding was also provided for the Smart Snacks Program and an expansion of the Cold Box Lunch for Seniors Program.

**4.0 Staff Report – Helen Lettlow**

- Bill 37-15, Boards, Committees and Commissions (BCC) Advocacy:
  - Applies to COH and is subject to approval by the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.
  - Policy concerning protocol has not yet been set. Leslie Frey, DHHS Legislative Liaison, will provide guidelines regarding Bill 37-15.
- Term limits for COH members: seven members have terms expiring June 30, 2016. The County Executive's Office will post the vacancies online.

## **5.0 PHS Chief's Report – Dr. Ulder J. Tillman addressed highlights from the April 2016 report (included in the meeting packet).**

- There is a large TB contact investigation in progress due to exposure at a high school; testing at the high school was done on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 197 QFTs were drawn for the first round. Related daycare exposure resulted in 60 children 5 years and younger being tested as appropriate. Staff were screened as well.
- The State confirmed 17 Zika cases.

## **6.0 New Business**

- Dan Russ mentioned term expirations. Members whose terms are not expiring at the end of FY16 were asked to provide notification if they are interesting in continuing to serve in FY17.
- Members whose terms expire 6/30/16 and are eligible for another term will need to reapply, but not interview.
- The Chair discussed that he does not expect COH to be involved in much advocacy on its own at the State or federal level the per the new legislation (Bill 37-15). COH sees its role as being an advisor to County Council and County Executive.
- Dan mentioned the 72-hour rule which states that any new propositions must be brought to COH in the form of a letter 72 hours before the COH meets.

## **6.1 Dr. Kaplan – Commission on Aging Liaison**

- Would like to see COH support Bill 19-16, which is a plan to end food insecurity, part of which highlights senior citizens.
- Veteran's Affairs is trying to get a clinic operational. There will be a public meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> and a Council meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **7.0 Plans for Next Year—Suggestions**

- Establish a men's health workgroup.
- Focus on environmental health concerns as it relates to population health and the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Increase access to immunizations. The County seems to do well with childhood immunizations, while many seniors and adults have problems meeting needs due to money and/or fear of vaccine safety.

## **8.0 Break into Workgroups; Lessons Learned**

### **Health Literacy:**

- More outreach is needed to help people with choosing health plans and how to use insurance.

### **Communicable Disease and Epidemiology Workgroup:**

- Reviewed information on the DHHS web site on the Zika virus. The County has good information on Zika, but could use more information on Zika prevention.
- Workgroup would like to have public information on Zika and have the Zika taskforce to come speak.
- Dr. Tillman pointed out that the Dennis Avenue Health Center is having a town hall meeting on Zika.
- She mentioned some of the Zika prevention/communications as follows:
  - Zika kits for pregnant women.
  - County is sponsoring bus ads.
  - Sending out letters to "Fight the Bite."
  - Web site has been created.
  - CDC is putting out material in many languages.

- State DHMH sent out clinician letters about private labs for blood tests for Zika.
- Montgomery County distributed information to Maternity Partnership and local hospitals.
- The County is working with employees on prevention/protection.

**9.0 Motion to Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Helen Lettlow  
Commission on Health

**Public Health Services  
Chief's Report  
April, 2016**

**SUCSESSES AND GOOD NEWS**

**HOT SPOTS**

- The School Health Services (SHS) program was audited by Dr. Cheryl DePinto, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and Alicia Mezu, Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) on April 21, 2016. The audit assures and confirms SHS's implementation of COMAR through its various policies, procedures, forms and partnerships. The formal audit report will be forthcoming from the State within the next couple of months. MSDE and DHMH asked Montgomery County SHS to present their process at the May 12 State SHS supervisors meeting.

**UPDATES ON KEY ISSUES**

**Licensing & Regulatory**

- Health Care Facilities
  - A nursing home received a Civil Money Penalty fine for failing to ensure that a resident who entered the facility without a pressure sore, did not develop pressure sores. This was considered harm to the resident.
- Environmental Health
  - Complaint received regarding Manna Food Center distributing moldy/rancid meats and food to a customer. Investigation revealed no products were moldy or rancid in Manna's warehouse. Customer made statements that the inspector and L&R were corrupt. Devised a joint inspection involving USDA, the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and 2 different Montgomery County inspectors. All inspectors acknowledged Manna is in compliance. Complainant also has a HHS Case Manager and the complaint was referred to HHS Community Affairs.
  - Indoor pool renewal and inspections commenced for 2016 pool season. Outdoor pool inspections occur in May.

**Disease Control**

- Disease Control nurses approved Zika testing for county residents and facilitated specimen transport from OB practices to DHMH. Number of residents tested for Zika Virus in April (20), March (47), February (74), and January (25). In addition to Zika case management, Disease Control nurses investigated the following number of cases: Spotted Fever (4), Q-Fever (1), Dengue (4), Giardia (3), Foodborne Illness (29), and Animal Bites (23) with 9 individuals receiving Post-exposure Prophylaxis.
- Debra Aplan represented DHHS on the Mosquito Task Force, spoke about the County's response to Zika at 2 venues, attended the Maryland Partnership for Prevention quarterly meeting, attended the Public Health Emergency Response (PHER) Summit in Dallas TX, participated in a PHER Exercise, and provided Bloodborne Pathogens Training for OHR CCL.

**Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response**

- PHEP conducted a notification drill and Command Center setup. It is apparent that the use of Everbridge (MCEN replacement) will enhance our ability to communicate with our employees. It was also apparent that IT support should be included for all events.

**TB Control**

- 11 active cases reported this calendar year; 3 active cases pending report; several new "possible" cases being assessed.
- Large contact investigation in progress due to exposure at a high school; testing at the high school done on 4/29/16=197 QFTs drawn for first round; related daycare exposure-approximately 60 children aged 5 years and younger (PPDs, QFTs, CXRs as appropriate) and 39 staff (QFTs) screened thus far; two related hospital exposures in progress; one related church in progress.
- All positions filled
- DHMH notified that grant award schedule is "in transition"-still awaiting balance and amount of grant award, which is expected to be less than previous grant awards going forward; currently working on plan to address this deficit.

#### Refugee Health

- PAA- interviewed/selected a candidate- declined offer; now in the process of reviewing resumes for additional interviews; TB PAAs continue to assist/support some duties, but not able to support all.
- 0.5 CHN vacant/still not approved; roving team nurse comes in `6 hours per week; TB staff continues to support as needed; NP also seeing patients.
- DHMH notified NA that ORR visit recommendations will be out soon; likely to advocate for continued funding while LHDs work on contracts for billing-will have much stricter stipulations, particularly related to the reimbursement portion; currently working on plan to address related stipulations and expected decreased reimbursement.
- Workflow revised in order to accommodate staffing needs this week.

#### Immunization Program

- The Immunization Program will be submitting the 2015-2016 Mandatory Employee Influenza Vaccination Survey to DHMH for its final reporting period. Out of 987 employees (County/contractors), 709 employees responded to the mandatory employee flu policy. 419 employees received their flu vaccines through OMS/LHD, 290 through outside providers, 125 exempted due to medical/religious/other reasons and 155 refused. Overall, 84% of the employees responded to the mandatory employee influenza policy.
- The Immunization Program has successfully completed its VFC Providers compliance site visit conducted by DHMH's VFC program. Also, the Immunization Program provided assistance to Silver Spring Health Center, Germantown Health Center and School Health Services Center with their VFC Providers compliance site visit that had a successful outcome

#### HIV

- HIV Services participated in a site review/audit from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, our Ryan White Part B funder from April 25 – May 2, 2016. This comprehensive site visit included reviews of both paper and electronic (NextGen) client records in the areas of Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care, Medical/Non-Medical Case Management, and Dental as well as administrative records and procedures. The audit also included interviews with existing clients/patients of our programs. We received both positive comments and constructive criticisms during the visit and expect the written report to be available within 30 days.

## STATISTICS

<b>Program: Infants at Risk (IAR)</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Number of Infant at Risk (IAR) referrals received from hospitals or providers	20
YTD Number	170
Number of referrals received from DHMH or providers for children lead levels > 10ug/dl	4
YTD Number	29
<b>Program: Maternity Partnerships</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Maternity Partnership Program from School Health Services (joint CHS/SHS case-managed pregnant teens)	12
YTD Number	49
Number of adolescents up to 18 years of age referred to Maternity Partnership from Dedicated Administrative Care Coordination Team (DACCT) for case management services	2
YTD Number	38
Number of new Maternity Partnership clients referred for receiving nurse case management services	120
YTD Number	877
Number of new Maternity Partnership clients referred for receiving telephonic case management services	99
YTD Number	606
<b>Program: Montgomery Cares</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Patients	5,311
YTD Patients	20,209
Encounters	6,520
YTD Encounters	50,097
<b>Program: MC Homeless Health</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Patients	20
YTD Patients	121
Encounters	25
YTD Encounters	152
<b>Program: Maternity Partnerships</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Number of patients referred to hospitals by DHHS	219
YTD Patients	1485
New patients enrolled in prenatal care by hospitals	188
YTD Patients	<b>1422</b>

Number of teens enrolled	11
YTD teen enrollment	95
Percent of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	43%
Number of patients with entry during first trimester YTD	606
<b>Number of patients enrolled YTD</b>	<b>74</b>
Fetal losses	1
YTD fetal losses	15
<b>Program: Dental Health</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
<b>Maternity:</b>	
New patients	121
YTD patients	1001
Encounters	256
YTD Encounters	1911
<b>Children:</b>	
New patients	144
YTD patients	1513
Encounters	362
YTD Encounters	2937
<b>Adults:</b>	
New patients	146
YTD patients	1062
Encounters	383
YTD Encounters	2485
<b>Seniors:</b>	
New patients	57
YTD patients	615
Encounters	152
YTD Encounters	1398
<b>TOTAL:</b>	
New patients	468
YTD patients	4191
Encounters	1153
YTD Encounters	8731
<b>Program: SBH/WC</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Number of visits each month to the School Based Health and Wellness Centers(non-cumulative)	669
Number of clients enrolled in the School Based Health and Wellness Centers (cumulative)	10050
<b>Program: International Student Admissions Office (ISAO)</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Number of VFC vaccinations administered	875
Number of VFC vaccinations administered to uninsured clients	705

<b>Program: Environmental Health Services</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed by L&R	623
YTD number of COMAR mandated food service facilities inspections completed	4320
Number of expected food service facilities inspections to be completed in Montgomery County as mandated by COMAR regulations	693.25
YTD number of expected mandated inspections to be completed	6212.5
Number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	240
YTD number of food service facilities NOT having a critical violation upon routine inspection	1422
Number of completed swimming pools inspections	45
YTD number of completed swimming pools inspections	2016
<b>Program: Healthcare Services</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>
Number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	0
YTD number of nursing homes with actual harm deficiencies	6
Number of nursing homes	34